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SHORTAGE OF COAL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some coal based thermal power projects have been closed down and many of them are running below their power generation capacity due to shortage of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : No coal based thermal power station in the Country has been closed down for want of coal.

During the current year (April 2007-February 2008), the actual Plant Load Factor (PLF) of coal based thermal power stations in the country was 78.49% against a target of 77.40%. However,the PLF of two pit head power stations of NTPC, namely Farakka STPS (1600 MW) and Kahalgaon-I TPS (840 MW) was 82.63 % and 91.03 %, as compared to their respective PLF target of 84.02 % and 91.74 % due to less production in their linked Rajmahal (Eastern Coalfields Ltd.) mines. Rigorous monitoring of supply of coal to the power stations is being done at all levels,for optimising coal supply to the power stations from various sources.